

	Completion time (N/D/Y) system generated	Designation (e.g. Elector, Councillor, Member of Scottish Parliament, Community Council, accessibility organisation etc.)	Please tell us where you currently vote (if applicable) mentioning the polling place name and location	Please detail the polling place that you are commenting about.	Overall are you happy with this polling place and its location?	In your opinion is the polling place suitable for electors with disabilities?	Does the polling place offer suitable facilities for an elector to be able to cast their vote in a private and neighbourhood manner?	Is the polling place well located in the area?	Are you satisfied with the current arrangements?	If you are not satisfied with current arrangements, is there a more suitable location that could be used? Please provide the alternative polling place name and location.	Please use this space to make any additional comments in relation to your polling district or polling place	Comment provided by Election Team	Date Responded (D/M/Y)	Ward
1	10/2/23 15:58:34	No	Ardgour	Ardgour primary school	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Ardgour village hall	Ardgour village hall was always used for polling. Now the school is used. However this means all children miss yet another day of education (already so many with covid, strikes etc) every time there is any election. The hall and the school are next to each other. The school must remain open, there is no need to close it.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/10/2023	21
2	10/2/23 17:44:47	Elector	Holm Primary School	Holm Primary School	Parking could be better	Difficult if more than one person arrives and leaves at same time	Yes	Yes	No	Colkathel Christian Centre, Colkathel Avenue, Inverness, IV2 6AS	More parking, plenty of space, and no need to close the school for the day... similar for Lochard Primary School	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/10/2023	15
3	10/2/23 22:12:35	Community Councillor	Cromdale Village Hall	Cromdale Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Easy to reach location and facilities are suitable even during covid the building heads well working entry and exit doors and it's great to support a small community facility	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	03/10/2023	20
4	10/2/23 22:50:53	Community Council	Muirtown Primary, Inverness or Charleston Academy Community Complex, General Booth Road, Inverness	Polling Stations within Muirtown CC Boundary area Inverness Ward 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Both polling stations for Muirtown CC Boundary are unchanged	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	03/10/2023	13
5	10/3/23 11:18:25	Applcross Healthcare Secretary	Applcross	Applcross Primary School	It should be the Applcross Hall	Hall easier	Yes	Yes	No	Applcross Hall	Not clear which is to be used but the Hall is very accessible and wouldn't close the school and nursery for the day	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/10/2023	5
6	10/3/23 11:26:45	Elector	Achnashewan Village Hall	Achnashewan Village Hall	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Kinlochewe Village Hall	As the elector roll is so small for Achnashewan, and Kinlochewe Village Hall which is also a Polling Station is only 10 minutes up the road, why not move Achnashewan Polling Station into Kinlochewe Village Hall? This would save staffing costs and Hall hire costs to the Council. Those who can't travel can use postal voting.	Verbal conversation with the elector although in close proximity both polling stations were necessary due to the separation caused by the UK Parliamentary boundary.	03/10/2023	5
7	10/3/23 15:00:04	Elector	Achnashewan Village Hall	Achnashewan Village Hall	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Costs	As there are no bus stops on the Achnashewan road, has consideration been given to transferring everyone onto postal votes? This might prove to be cheaper than Hall hire, staff costs, travelling etc. There is a Pub/bar at Achnashewan and Achnashel. The Hall might be closing, what would happen then to the Polling Station?	Verbal conversation with the elector - the way to vote just for postal voting cannot be encouraged - only the different means of voting can be explained and made aware to the voter. The electoral register and the postal voting registration is not dealt by the Election Team but by the electoral registration office. The elector accepted and understand the rational of our proposal.	03/10/2023	5
8	10/3/23 15:41:47	Elector	Applcross Primary School and nearby, Applcross	The primary school building	Closing the school my children attend is outrageous	No disabled parking	Yes	No suitable amount of parking spaces	No	The Applcross Community Hall	Our school is already afflicted with far too many closures and sadly lacks resilience so having it unnecessarily closed when there is a more suitable community building accessible to more people is really thoughtless	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	04/10/2023	5
9	10/3/23 16:54:21	Elector	Frindon Hall Cubicle	Frindon Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The community hall is an appropriate place to vote. More important are the volunteers and staff who manage the voting station have local knowledge	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	04/10/2023	9
10	10/4/23 9:28:00	Elector	Ullapool / Ullapool Primary School	Ullapool Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	For many years Ullapool Village Hall, a central hub to our community, was used as the polling station. There is excellent disabled access, there is plentiful nearby parking, including blue badge spaces, you can have the privacy to vote in private. However, for cost reasons I suspect, the polling station was moved to Ullapool Primary school. This resulted in the school being closed for the day. A days education lost. Extra childcare demands on a community already struggling to meet the demands, cost implications on parents who need to take leave, unpaid time off, or small business.	Ullapool Village Hall is both a more suitable and less impactful space to use as a Polling Station	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	04/10/2023	5
11	10/4/23 11:35:26	Thurso community council	Thurso	Na	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Na	Na	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	04/10/2023	2
12	10/4/23 19:33:08	Elector	Applcross Primary School	Local primary school in Camsterach	No need to close school - village hall better in many ways	No parking / issuing gate entrance /no toilets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Village hall has every amenity and much better facilities	It really needs no comments further, hall wins by miles for facilities	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	05/10/2023	5
13	10/5/23 16:26:09	Community member	Kirkhill primary school Inverness	Kirkhill primary school Inverness	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Kirkhill community center	Community Center would be far better for a voting place as it would save closing the whole primary school and cause more disruption to children's education	unable to respond no email and wrong contact number		12
14	10/6/23 13:59:52	Community Council	Ardgour Primary School	Ardgour Memorial Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	We support the change	We welcome the proposed change and Highland Council's commitment to minimise further disruption to children's education by moving away from using school's as a polling place. Ardgour Primary School Memorial Hall will be a suitable alternative and we fully support the proposed change.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	09/10/2023	21
15	10/13/23 19:02:03	Councillors	Dumengon	Dumengon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dumengon Community Hall	We need to keep it local and a place with enough parking	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	16/10/2023	10
16	10/16/23 11:50:52	NA	Colaban	Duncan Forbes PS	There is enough community buildings and other spaces, like the library building and SCT centre that a school does not need to shut. Kids have missed out on enough education.	Yes	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	No	There is enough community buildings and other spaces, like the library building and SCT centre that a school does not need to shut. Kids have missed out on enough education.	Do not close schools unless essential and only option. Why can't there be 1 polling station for local area? Such as Green Hall or Balloch Hall for the whole of the Southtown, Colaban and Balloch area?? If folk cannot access it, they can use a postal vote. Children and their education are the future, stop putting elections ahead of it!	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	18/10/2023	17
17	10/16/23 13:49:33	NA	Postal	Lochard Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Unknown	Unknown	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Green Drive Hall or Colkathel Christian Centre	The schools should be avoided after the disruption to our children's education over the last few years	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	18/10/2023	15
18	10/18/23 09:33:34	Elector	Ungewell Academy, Dingwall	Ungewell Academy, Dingwall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	None	None	unable to respond no email and wrong contact number	22/10/2023	8
19	10/24/23 9:32:46	Parent	Balloch, Inverness	Balloch Primary School	It is the school and there is a community hall next door that could be used, instead of closing the school	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	No	Balloch Community Hall, Inverness	Balloch Community Hall has been used in previous years, why is it not being used now and stop closing the schools, have our children not had enough time out!	unable to respond no email and wrong contact number	24/10/2023	17
20	10/29/23 21:22:49	A resident	Highland Council	Straatherrick and Foyers	You appear to have made a mistake	You have made an error / had	see below	see below	No	see below	OK, Foyers Primary School is not suitable, Straatherrick primary school is in use, so you've decided to move. You got the names of places mixed up. There is Straatherrick Public Hall which you have used before - it is called Straatherrick Public Hall (not village hall) The dot on your map is at the second venue The Wildlife Centre at Whitebridge. It is called The Wildlife Centre, run by Straatherrick and Foyers Community Trust. You really should clarify the names you use, neither of which are correct.	Unable to respond to comments. Consultation with Members whether to use the Wildlife Centre or the Straatherrick Public Hall which concluded with Straatherrick Public Hall which is closer to cover the electorate. Recommendation in name corrected.		12
21	11/2/23 16:35:34	Community Council	Carbisd Primary School, Isle of Skye	Carbisd Primary School	The community hall is more suitable	The community hall is more suitable	Yes	The community hall is more suitable	No	A more suitable location would be Minginish Community Hall, Portnacloich, Isle of Skye, IV47 8LS.	The Community Council conducted a poll asking where the community would prefer the polling place to be located and 84% of respondents voted for the hall. The hall has been used in the past however we understand that the cost was an issue, we have spoken the hall committee and they are prepared to negotiate on the fees it approached. The hall is more suitable, accessible venue with more parking and would prevent the school being closed for the day.	Recommendation considered and confirmed with members,	06/11/2023	10
22	11/2/23 12:25:57	Lochard & Drummond Community Council, Vice Chair	Lochard Primary School (and for the community - Holm Primary School)	Inverness Royal Academy (and again for the community - Colkathel Christian Centre)	Both polling places are effectively at either end of the same road on the outer edge of the Lochard & Drummond and Holm communities. The demographics of Lochard & Drummond (and Holm) residents is primarily senior citizens, with mobility issues and other forms of ill health, and most likely non-car users. It would be difficult for this demographic to cast their vote easily. The current locations are relatively centrally located. I envisage a move of polling stations on this basis disenfranchising a large section of the community.	Both polling places are effectively at either end of the same road on the outer edge of the Lochard & Drummond and Holm communities. The demographics of Lochard & Drummond (and Holm) residents is primarily senior citizens, with mobility issues and other forms of ill health, and most likely non-car users. It would be difficult for this demographic to cast their vote easily. The current locations are relatively centrally located. I envisage a move of polling stations on this basis disenfranchising a large section of the community.	Yes	Yes	Yes	As above - the current arrangements are fit for purpose and well-attended by the community	Further consultation with members in light of this representation is sent back	14/11/2023	15	
23	11/14/23 14:13:50	Elector	Lochmorr	Village hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	14/11/2023	1
24	11/14/23 16:16:52	Elector	Achnashewan Village Hall	Achnashewan Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I do not think schools should be used as polling places.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	14/11/2023	11
25	11/14/23 15:13:48	Elector	Results Primary school	Results Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Results Memorial Hall	It is absurd that the local primary school has to be used as a polling place, this is regardless if it coincides with a closure day. At that time the school has a committee room that can be used instead. If the school was to be closed outright a 3-in-one day is absolutely ridiculous.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
26	11/14/23 16:41:25	Community Councillor	Results Primary School, Results, Black Isle	Results Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Results Memorial Hall, Results	The use of the Primary School to vote requires school closure on polling day, the Memorial Hall was traditionally where voting station and should be reinstated as the voting station. The Results Memorial Hall is the main hall of Results and for one consider the use of the Primary School a money saving manoeuvre by HSC and a retrograde one for locals.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
27	11/14/23 17:18:08	What?	Results	Results Primary School	If you used Results Hall, the school wouldn't need to close, losing a day education and multiple parents having to lose a day pay or first child/born	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	See answer 6. Use the hall instead to avoid school closure	As above! Why lose schooling days when hall available nearby? Parents need to lose a day pay and/or find childcare when school closed!	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
28	11/14/23 17:46:23	Elector	Struan Primary School, Struan, Isle of Skye	School Building	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The Polling Station at Struan is ideal for the local community. Many elderly live in the area and ease of access is highly important.	Positive feedback acknowledged by phone	16/11/2023	10
29	11/14/23 17:33:56	Elector	Results Primary School	Results	I have children in the Primary school and given covid, strikes and polling days are very concerned in the reduction of teaching days.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Results Hall would be preferable, it has disabled access and all the facilities the school can offer without interrupting our child's education		Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
30	11/14/23 17:54:07	Elector	Use postal vote	Victoria Hall Community	Not suitable for disabilities, poor parking	Steps	Yes	Yes	No	Royal Hotel, Comarney	No comments	Confirmed that there is wheelchair access but issue with disabled parking bay which is resolved by the staff on the poll day by designating a temporary disabled space	16/11/2023	9
31	11/14/23 20:27:00	Elector	Muirtown Primary School Inverness	Muirtown Primary School	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes		The only issue I have is that the person on the door was holding someone's dogs while they vote but he didn't move away from the door and as someone with a huge fear of dogs it caused great anxiety to me as I was unable to go near the door to get in to cast my vote. Had they moved away from the doorway I could have entered. And being told the dog won't hurt me is not a helpful comment. A fear is a fear and a smart comment is unkind and unhelpful	Training will be reinforced with the polling staff to make sure that the rules and the entrance of the polling place is clear	12/11/2023	13
32	11/14/23 20:33:00	Chair, Holm Community Council	Holm Primary School	Holm Primary School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The proposals to have a new polling station at Ness Cade is very welcome for our growing community. However the proposed change to move the polling station from Holm Primary to a mixture of Colkathel Christian Centre and Inverness Royal Academy is not at all suitable. Moving a polling place further from where many aged in our community can walk to and with little (if any) public transport options available is not a welcome suggestion. Please retain Holm Primary School as a polling station	Further consultation with members in light of this representation is sent back	15/11/2023	15
33	11/14/23 21:48:09	Member of the public	Ullapool primary school	Local school that really shouldn't have to close just to save money	No, you should be using other buildings NOT closing the schools for the day. Our kids have missed enough with covid lockdowns and teacher strikes	Quite a long walk from the street to the room the poll booths are in. No disabled parking	Yes	Yes	No	Ullapool village hall	No one in the village that I have spoken to is happy with using the school, it's such a stupid idea and just to save a few pounds. Our children's education and wellbeing means nothing to this government	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	15/11/2023	5
34	11/14/23 22:29:38	Elector	Ullapool	Ullapool village hall	Yes	Building facilities are good but needs to have a seat ready for infirm or frail people who have walked in and need to sit. Also to provide a private booth at seated table.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Also a changing spaces toilet so it is accessible to everyone. And equally as important the school kids would not need to miss a day of school	Question 10 does not allow for answering with information fire question 7. Please do not go back to the Primary School it was awful for people having to walk round to get there.	Disability arrangements are in place for the polling places	15/11/2023	5
35	11/14/23 22:32:51	Community Council	Results primary school	Results primary school	A primary school should not be used when a local hall is available and should be support text which has a meeting room that has been used for many years previously for local elections.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Results community hall	Local polling should have never been removed from Results community hall	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	15/11/2023	9